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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of May 03, 2006, it is respectfully
requested that the following request for reconsideration be entered
and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified ap-
plication:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Claims 9 to 14 as set forth in the preliminary amendment sub-
mitted upon filing of this application are currently pending.

The Examiner rejected Claims 9 to 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as
being anticipated by the teaching of Ide et al. (US 3,919,157). The
Examiner asserted in this context that the referenced teaching dis-
closed all provisions of applicants' claims with the exception of the
reduction of cold stress whitening which is brought about in accord-
dance with applicants' method. Applicants respectfully disagree.

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